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SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000  
CAPITAL CALLED UP ..... £251,993.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.  
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Shanghai.  
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained  
on application.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [187]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,000,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,186,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " "  
" 3 " ..... 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Hongkong, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
H. Stollerfoth, Esq., Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and  
Amoy.

BANKERS:—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Pariss Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 3 " " 3 " "  
CURRENT ACCOUNTS " 2 " "  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [19]

## Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP  
SHARES of this Company will be  
TRANSFERRED on which the calls on the  
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name  
remain unpaid.

By Order,

R. LYALL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [144]

HONGKONG HOTEL  
COMPANY.

GREAT REDUCTION IN RENT FOR  
BED-ROOMS OR OFFICES.

ROOMS to be let, UNFURNISHED or  
FURNISHED, from £5 to \$40 per  
Month, including Water and Partial attendance,  
but not Gas.  
Special reductions would be made to parties  
occupying suites of Rooms.  
Apply to

R. TUCKER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1893. [1086]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,  
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street).

THE Undersigned has always thought that  
such a place as this was the one thing  
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the  
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be  
First-class in every detail. A place where one  
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK  
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M. or later  
if notice be given. He is also prepared to  
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES  
per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending  
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on  
application.

Monthly Board for One Person ..... \$35.00  
Tiffin ..... \$15.00  
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always  
on hand and served in every Style.  
Breakfast ..... \$0.50  
Tiffin ..... \$0.75  
Dinner ..... \$1.00  
SPECIAL TIPPINGS and DINNERS served  
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [198]

### BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-  
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and  
Table Accommodation.  
Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,  
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [136]

WANTED.  
A ROTARY PRINTING PRESS. Size  
about 36 by 41 inches, or a trifle larger.  
Must be in working order.  
Apply, stating terms, &c., to

G. W.,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [1024]

## Insurances.

THE  
STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-  
AGES of this form of Assurance, the  
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision  
for wife and family or other rela-  
tives in event of early death.  
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.  
(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment  
for the regular accumulation of  
small fixed sums of money.  
(d)—The Surrender and loan values are  
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN  
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—  
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-  
continue future payments—he will  
be entitled to receive, on application,  
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a  
proportionate amount of the Sum  
Assured, as explained in the Pros-  
pectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.  
S. J. DAVID & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [173]

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAEELS 600,000 } \$835,333.33  
EQUAL TO .....  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEK MOON, Esq.,  
LOO TEO SHUI, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [974]

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

AUDITOR, ACCOUNTANT and TEA-  
CHER of BOOK-KEEPING.  
H. HYNDMAN,  
Address:—No. 20, Stanley Street.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1893. [1094]

### NOTICE.

ALL DEBTS due to me must be PAID  
on or before November 7th, or Legal  
Proceedings will be instituted at ONCE.  
CHARLES BOREHAM.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1893. [1098]

### NOTICE.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
WINE AND SPIRIT  
MERCHANTS.

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND  
GLASGOW.

13, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1893. [1039]

THE PHARMACY,  
25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to  
inform the Residents of Hongkong and  
the Shipping Community, that they have now  
OPENED at the above address. The Store is  
managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist  
who takes every care that all DRUGS and  
CHEMICALS used in the compounding of pre-  
scriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good  
selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent  
Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co.  
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044]

J. W. KEW & CO'S  
STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE situation of SHIPWRECK, AGENTS and  
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality  
of FRESH FILTERED WATER offered by  
J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages  
derived from their being able to Supply their  
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the  
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No Impeding the loading or discharging of  
Cargo.

Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.  
J. W. KEW & Co.,  
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1893. [1044]

## Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF  
NEW GOODS.

LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S

HOSIERY,

EVERY SIZE.

FOOTBALL JERSEYS. SWEATERS,

&c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [6]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

IN ORDER TO EFFECT A CLEARANCE, WE OFFER OUR

SURPLUS STOCK

OF

FRENCH NOVELS,

AT THE RATE OF

\$5.00 per DOZEN or 50 CENTS EACH.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [7]

SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.

MARTINI-HENRI MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS'

"LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES.—

METAL-COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.

CARTRIDGES LOADED with (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.

FIGOU, WILKS and LAWRENCE'S "ALLIANCE" SPORTING POWDER.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.

WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS.

GUN CLEANERS, &c., &c.

LANECRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [1071]

CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the  
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with  
the latest, modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites  
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated  
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Artist will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,

PROPRIETOR.

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W. BREWER.

JUST RECEIVED  
A NEW STOCK OF GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES in BROWN RUSSIAN and  
MOROCCO LEATHER.

LADIES' WALKING SHOES in MOROCCO LEATHER.

LADIES' TENNIS SHOES, "The Renshaw."

NEW STOCK BRIAR PIPES, TOBACCO POUCHES, &c.

SPLENDID STOCK OF ENGRAVINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS and other PICTURES.

NEW PATENT OPAQUE BANK ENVELOPES.

EXCHANGE TABLES.

2/- to 3/-  
\$2.00.

W. BREWER,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1893. [659]

THE  
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kienlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 33.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and is close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Office.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.  
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served, at any hour  
adjacent to the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1894. [1044]

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA  
MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FUND  
CORPORATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the  
above CORPORATION will be held at the  
MASONIC HALL, on FRIDAY, the 20th inst.,  
at 5.30 P.M.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1893. [1099]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

### NOTICE.

THE YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of  
MEMBERS will be held in the CITY  
HALL, on SATURDAY, 21st October instant,  
at 12 o'clock NOON.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. [1003]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORA-  
TION, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION),

### NOTICE.

THE LIQUIDATION of this BANK will  
in future be CONDUCTED by THE  
CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRA-  
LIA AND CHINA.

By Order of the Liquidator,  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. [1091]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE  
STRAITS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance  
with Article No. 18 of the Articles of  
Association of THE BANK OF CHINA,  
JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, the  
Directors have passed a Resolution making a  
CALL of ONE POUND per Share on the Ordinary  
Shares of the Bank, such Call to become  
PAYABLE as follows:—

Five Shillings on the 1st November, 1893.  
Five Shillings on the 1st February, 1894.  
Five Shillings on the 2nd April, 1894.  
Five Shillings on the 1st June, 1894.

The several instalments of the above Call  
Due on Shares on the Hongkong Register are  
Payable as above at the Office of the Bank, No.  
4, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, in local  
currency equivalent.

Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum  
will be allowed on all instalments paid in  
advance of due dates.

If the Sums Payable in respect of any of the  
above Instalments be not paid on or before the  
respective days appointed for payment thereof  
respectively, interest will be charged on the  
same at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum from  
the day appointed for payment thereof to the  
time of actual payment, in accordance with  
Article No. 21 of the Articles of Association of  
the Bank.

S. L. DARBY,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1893. [1019]

In the POLICE COURT at VIC-  
TORIA, in the Colony of Hong-  
kong, (Under the "Merchandise  
Mortgage Ordinance, 1890.")

WHEREAS on the 23rd day of August,  
1893, at Victoria, in this Colony, 512  
BOXES of TEA bearing a Trade Description  
purporting to be the Trade Description of the  
YUEN SHUN Firm of Honam, Canton, were  
seized under Warrant on the Premises of the  
CHU TIN LAM Firm of No. 78, Praya West,  
and are now in the custody of this Court.

AND WHEREAS the said Trade Description  
has been held by the Supreme Court of this  
Colony to be a false Trade Description within  
the meaning of the Ordinance of 15th May, 1889,  
and the said 512 Boxes of Tea would, if the Owner  
thereof had been convicted under Section 2 of  
the said Ordinance,

AND WHEREAS an Information has now  
been laid before me for the purpose of enforcing  
such Forfeiture under Section XI, Sub-section  
2, of the said Ordinance,

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that unless the  
Owner of, or some person on his behalf, or  
other person interested in, the said 512 Boxes  
of Tea show cause to the contrary before 11 A.M.  
on the 23rd day of October, 1893, I shall order  
the said Tea to be forfeited and dealt with  
according to Law.

WM. C. H. HASTINGS,  
Acting Police Magistrate.

MAOISTRACY,  
Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. [1092]

DR. KNORR'S

LION BRAND

ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROV.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious  
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-  
GRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,  
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,  
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and  
many other complaints. It is also the very  
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by  
the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S  
ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's  
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vaseline; its  
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,  
is described as amazing.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and  
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China  
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for  
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [406]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,  
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
COAL AND PROVISION MER-  
CHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR  
HARTMANN'S RAHTIEN'S GENUINE  
COMPOSITION.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.  
DANIEL'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES,  
&c., &c.

EVERY KIND OF  
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1893. [778]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEEN-  
SLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo  
to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,  
TASMANIA, &c.)







The emboldened insignia of rank and position are placed upon the front and back of official robes. They must be of the finest workmanship and as well executed as to show the design clearly and accurately. The general design for a civil officer is a bird and for a military official a quadruped. The civilist is as follows, ranks, and not degrees, being discriminated:—

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| First rank..... | A Manchurian crane. |
| Second .....    | A golden pheasant.  |
| Third .....     | A peacock.          |
| Fourth .....    | A wild goose.       |
| Fifth .....     | A silver pheasant.  |
| Sixth .....     | A young egret.      |
| Seventh .....   | A quail.            |
| Eighth .....    | A long-tailed jay.  |
| Ninth .....     | An oriole.          |

The military list runs:—  
First rank.....A unicorn.  
Second .....

These insignia have been used from time immemorial, while the buttons are a creation of the Manchou conqueror of China. It is a singular fact that both the lion and rhinoceros are strangers to China. The limit of their habitat seems to be the Ganges and to have been within the Tertiary period. The knowledge of these great animals by the Chinese was acquired long before the Christian era, when large fleets of junk, naval, private or commercial, went from Canton to nearly every port in Hindostan and often brought back these and other wild beasts alive.

Of late years, etiquette has relaxed considerably in regard to both buttons and insignia. The silver-white, or button of the ninth rank, has been almost universally discarded and the golden one of the seventh and eight adopted in its stead.

In ancient years the different orders of Chinese nobility were distinguished more by the crown worn by each rank than by the insignia. The crown was abolished by the Manchus, who substituted the button; the latter being symbolic of servitude while the former represented autonomy, if not liberty.

Another cause of confusion in the use of buttons and insignia lies in the ever-increasing power of wealth to secure these honors by purchase. Originally they meant pedigree, military heroism, or erudition, intellectual ability, literary culture or eminent philanthropy. Their ownership indicated distinction of some kind to a high degree. This is no longer.

Ambitious officials are permitted to buy high honorary ranks. In Canton and Hankow several magistrates of the seventh rank have purchased the right and now wear light blue buttons. One very rich Cantonese, unconsciously reflects upon the decadence of the times by using as a button a magnificent sapphire worth a king's ransom. Even private citizens are allowed to gratify their vanity in this manner. A wealthy tea-taster in Tamsui, whose education would not entitle him to become an official of the lowest class, secured the privilege of wearing a dark button by paying a heavy sum of money to the powers that be. He is said to have paid down \$20,000 for the badge. Quite as bad as this corrupt practice is the diplomatic custom of securing the services and friendship of great criminals, pirates and traitors, by the bestowal of rank and office. This was repeatedly done during the Taiping rebellion, where it enabled "Chinese" Gordon to win battles by withdrawing from the enemy some of his ablest and most trusted generals. It was done in the late Tonkin war, when the leader of the Black Flag, Li Yu, and his satellite thieves and ruffians, were pardoned and made officials of high rank.

In addition to these ranks of nobility are five great titles which are rarely conferred. They are equivalent to Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount and Baron. There is also a knighthood bestowed upon army and navy officers for extraordinary services. The five titles have each three classes, viz. "perpetual hereditary," "limited hereditary," and "non-hereditary." The names explain themselves. During the present dynasty, these titles have been seldom bestowed; that of Duke never. Li Hsing-chang, the great Viceroy of China, is only an Earl, while the greatest statesman of the last generation, Tseung Kwoh Fan, was but a Marquis. Titles in China, as elsewhere, seem to be sinking into desuetude.

**THE FRANCO-SIAMESE CONVENTION.**

After weeks of delay, hesitation, and interrupted negotiations the Franco-Siamese Convention has at length been definitely settled upon the basis laid down in the French ultimatum of July 30th. It had been decided that no further delay should be accorded Siam, and every preparation had been made by the French Minister Plenipotentiary to leave Bangkok on Sunday morning were the Siamese still disinclined to accede to the French terms. The gondest *Aphe* had steam up only on Sunday morning, and had hauled up on shore and with pilot on board was ready to steam down the river on the return of the French Minister with an unfavorable answer. Before 8 a.m. the French Minister, Plenipotentiary, accompanied by M. Pavie, Minister Resident, and the Rev. Père Smid, an interpreter, drove up to the Siamese Foreign Office, and negotiations at once began, lasting until noon, at which time the Foreign Minister had agreed to the Convention as it now stands. The points upon which the French Minister, Plenipotentiary and his Majesty's Government differed were important, and involved grave interests seriously affecting the future relations of this country with her eastern neighbor. The main points of difference were the right, considered indispensable by France, of establishing and maintaining the necessary station and public works on the right bank absolutely indispensable to the safe navigation of the Mekong. The freedom of circulation for the inhabitants on both banks; and the removal of all commercial barriers in the form of customs was also looked upon as indispensable by the French Plenipotentiary. The military guard, or armed police required for the prevention of smuggling, was thought to be a serious cause of danger, and as the Convention was intended to be an instrument of peace rather than provocative of war some such understanding appeared absolutely necessary.

After the Customs difficulty on the Mekong and the right to use the right bank for necessary works, came the famous Article IV. This demand of the ultimatum has, we believe, been in part dropped, and no measures insisted upon which would in any way affect certain European in Siam. As regards Ankor and Battambang a free trade policy will be adopted, that is to say that French goods may enter Siam by those provinces free of duty, and *vice versa*. Siam must also withdraw her troops from the two above named provinces within a period of six months from the signing of the Convention. To sum up, the points of importance which have been agreed upon between the two countries, on the basis of the ultimatum, are as follows:

(1) Free navigation of the Mekong, and the right of France to use the right bank for the necessary purposes of navigation, stations, &c.

(2) The suppression of Customs along the river, and the guarantee that Siam shall keep no armed police on the 25 kilometers along the

right bank, or prevent the free circulation of products between the two countries.

(3) A free trade policy to be established between Ankor, Battambang and the French provinces of Indo-China, and the revision of the Franco-Siamese Treaty of 1896.

(4) Siam to withdraw her troops from Ankor and Battambang within six months from the date upon which the Treaty is signed and ratified.

These points have been recognized by the Foreign Ministers as indispensable to the future good relations between France and Siam, and have been agreed to and embodied into the Convention. The French Minister Plenipotentiary leaves for Bangkok to-morrow. He will be accompanied by M. Pavie, Minister Resident, Captain Gérard, and Lieutenant de Myre de Villers. After an interview with the King of Siam, he will immediately proceed to Europe. General satisfaction has been expressed at the successful termination of the deadlock in Siam. —*Siam Free Press.*

#### DR. BEDLOE IN NEW YORK.

(From the New York Herald.)  
Dr. Edward Bedloe, ex-United States Consul to Ankor, China, and Honorary Commissioner to China for the Columbian Exposition, is the guest of Proprietor George C. Boldt, of the Waldorf. Dr. Bedloe, accompanied by ex-Vice-Consul William E. S. Fales, left China on July 1st, coming here via San Francisco and Chicago.

"The Siamese concessions to France will greatly benefit Siam," said Dr. Bedloe in answer to a query. "The Siamese form of government is a hindrance to national progress. It represents enterprise and suppresses energy. Siam is a wealthy country, resourceful and capable of engaging in the world's trade. The occupancy of more territory by the French will prove of signal benefit to the Siamese merchant and laborer. He will be given what we Americans call 'a show,' by virtue of the increased French influence in the country."

Dr. Bedloe enjoyed his three years' experience in Ankor, notwithstanding the exhausting summers and the ravages of the white ants, that destroy vast crops, household goods, clothing and books. He found the foreign residents—chiefly English—extremely cordial. Dr. Bedloe's consular reports regarding the white ants and China as a menace to Christianity have been reviewed in the *Herald*. His work for the United States Hydrographic Bureau, in which he incorporated the Chinese Government's bulletins regarding the formation of sandbars and shoals and the presence of sunken rocks along the coast in the neighborhood of Ankor, is regarded as extremely valuable for our naval officers.

**A MARKET FOR OUR COTTON FABRICS.**

"The most striking feature of China," said Dr. Bedloe, "lies in the fact that it presents a vast market for the cotton fabrics of our Southern States. The trade in raw cotton is large and constantly increasing. In the past, England supplied the Far East with cotton and piece goods. The Chinese grow much cotton, but by the great portion of their cotton goods is imported. There is no reason why the United States should not receive the bulk of the Chinese trade and why the South, through New Orleans, should not be able to furnish all the cotton goods China needs, much cheaper than other competitors. I think it singular this has not been thought of before. The Southern States, with plenty of the best coal and iron and the very best cotton that grows, should have an easy task in turning out yarn, thread, cloth, sheeting and drills at a less cost than any other part of the world. The manufacturer in Georgia and Alabama would have a natural advantage of at least thirty per cent over his rivals in the Eastern States and of forty per cent over Lancashire, England. This advantage will be further increased when the Nicaragua Canal is cut, for New Orleans and other Southern ports will be brought much nearer the China trade than England. With cheap freight rates assured, it will be our own fault if we do not capture the greatest share of the Chinese trade."

Dr. Bedloe will shortly go on the lecture platform under Major Pond's management.

#### WISE AND OTHERWISE.

(Compiled from many sources.)  
A close friend—the fellow who will not lend. Self-love is not so vile a sin as self-neglect.

When money grows timid it makes the rest of us shy.

A cyclone is one of those things that make a man's name.

Ignorance is never blissful after the owner finds out what it is.

Findings fault with Mary was Martha's way of bragging of herself.

The expression "gold bug" is an abbreviation of "gold bugger."

The man who has a character that mud will stick to never feels safe.

The man who succeeds in keeping his foot out of his mouth never is a good one.

This awful news comes from Russia: "Rye is down to 56 kopecks a pud."

In all the reductions of pay now going on, the wages of sin remain the same.

When the dealers put down the prices on peaches the women put them up.

"And do you love him, child?" "Love him, mamma? I've seen his bank book."

A Philadelphia manufacturer of linen-wear advertises himself as a "shirtbuilder."

Plenty of sleep is conducive to beauty. Even a "bum" looks well when he loses his nap.

Blubber—I hear Whiting has settled down. Slobbly—Humph! I think he'd better settle up.

Jealous bicyclists are liable to be attacked by the awful disease called "kypshol's bicyclism."

When Congress has a crisis to face, the eyes and noses and much more important features than the mouth.

Only three rich men are referred to as such in the New Testament, and two of them were Jews.

If you want to please a man, catch him in a crowd and ask him some question that he is smart about.

The unsuccessful speculator is among those who find it particularly hard either to settle down or settle up.

Scout about a man who is mean to his wife? Satan will not be injured much by what he says in church.

"Do you believe that Bacon had anything to do with 'Hamlet'?" "No; I think 'Hamlet's' trouble was his liver."

Guest—This bill of fare is in French. Waiter—Yes, sah; but the prices is in English, sah. Mos' folks goes by dem.

The bravest man on earth has been found in Indiana. He organized all the church singers in town into one choir.

The New York papers are now talking about "trolley-culture." There is such a thing as carrying free coinage too far.

"Feeling his way?" An honorable man asked nearly only once. Shc—Certainly, sah, certainly—if he can afford it.

"Have you had a good season?" asked a tourist. "Naw," replied the seaside land-lord. "Even the mosquitoes have nearly starved to death."

Significant characteristics—"What is your idea of a poet?" she asked. "A poet," replied he, "is a man who is long of hair and short of cash."

Minie—Did he kiss you when he proposed? May—Certainly; I wouldn't consider any but sealed proposals.

It is a recognized custom nowadays for a girl to buy a pair of sleeves that please her and get the rest of the garment with what money she has left.

Dr. Thridy—Sorry your husband isn't out to church to-day; is he ill? Mrs. Hicks—No, he isn't ill, exactly—just one of his weekly attacks of being homesick.

Needed Renewal—Wright—Those are pretty tough looking patent leather shoes you have on, Garner—They were all right originally, but the patent has expired on them.

Music Teacher—I don't know why you are displeased. Your daughter really sings very well. Father—Very well, but it is that she never sings anything but soprano?

"Have you a good ear for music?" he inquired of the young man, who is both matter-of-fact and absent-minded. "I don't know," was the reply, "I never tried to play on it."

A HEART NO GOOD.  
"Take back the heart thou gavest!" Said the *fin de siècle* maid,  
You see, she was playing poker,  
And her four flush needed a spade.

AN OLD TUNE SING TO A NEW SITUATION.  
Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are tramping,  
Hundreds of thousands on the road;  
You can hear their weary tread,  
As they hunt for work and bread.

In these "good times" by Democracy bestowed.  
Farmer Hayman—"That boarder we had must 'a' been a purty smart young feller. He graduated from some college or other." Cousin "Did he say what college?" "I think he said it was the Keeley Institute."

TELL US NOW.  
Oh, man with lengthy flowing hair,  
To honesty you owe it  
Come tell us frankly who you are,  
An Anarchist or poet.

An Englishman recently had his life saved by a \$500 ward of greenbacks, which warded off a bullet aimed at him. With such simple means of protection as this, at our very elbow, everybody should be prepared for an emergency.

Marie Gold—Papa says that although he is opposed to you, he expects you to be a beneficiary of his will. Tom Gie—Did he say what his will would be? Marie Gold—Yes; he will leave every cent to found a free incubate asylum.

Don't Swear—A newspaper-man, who evidently believes in telling things just as they are, says: "Do not swear. There is no occasion to swear outside of a printing office. It is useful in proof reading; and indispensable in getting forms to press, and has been known to assist in looking over the paper when it is printed, but otherwise it is a very disgusting habit."

Safety Guaranteed—Timid Lady (about to buy a ticket for Europe)—And is this boat that sells on Thursday perfectly safe? Agent for the Ocean Greyhound Company (gravely)—Madame, I can assure you that in all the time this ship has been in service, and that time covers a number of years, madame, not once has she gone to the bottom. Timid Lady (reassured)—Oh, then, it must be all right. Let me have an outside room, please.

A Cheerless Prospect—William Whiskers—What's all this 'ere talk about free silver, Hank? Does it mean hard dollars for nothing? Henry Slobbovy—Naw; it's just like Free Trade, and don't mean nothing! The time won't never come, Bill, when yer kin git anything without askin' fer it!

A HINT TO WHEELMEN.  
Look out for  
Kypshol's bicyclism!  
It's a bend in your spine  
Which, eight times in nine,  
Will give you a whole lot of trouble;  
If you wish to prevent  
This bicycle bent,  
Don't sit on your wheel in a double,  
Look out for  
Kypshol's bicyclism!

A Scheme that Failed—I hear that Sammerby and his wife are trying to get a divorce. What is the trouble? "Incompatibility of temper. You see, they made an agreement when they were wed that they should never both get angry at the same time. The result is that instead of both getting mad at once, and fighting it out, one or the other is angry all the time, and they don't have any happy moments at all."

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, is prescribed by Physicians all over the world. It is a remarkable remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, and wasting diseases, and very palatable. Read the following:—"I have much pleasure in stating that I have tried Scott's Emulsion in a case of impoverished blood, with scrofulous disease, and found it to be a very efficient preparation. It was taken without the least difficulty."—A. TRIMPLE, Perkins, Lordship Park, Sicke Newington, N. Ave. Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.

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**To-day's Advertisements.**

**SERVANTS REGISTRY OFFICE.**  
FOR HOUSE-BOYS AND HOUSE-COOLIES.  
FOREIGN RESIDENTS are requested to SEND THEIR NATIVE SERVANTS to this Office, Wyndham Street, TO BE REGISTERED, as a means of identification and that inquiries may be made about them, in order to check dishonesty. That this may be fully carried out, Residents are also requested NOT TO ENGAGE UNREGISTERED SERVANTS, but to apply by letter or personally to this Office, Registration Fee for Chinese 50 Cents per annum. A printed list of Servants Employed and Unemployed, with particulars, and reported cases of dishonesty, will be issued quarterly.

Office Hours to A.M. to 4 P.M.  
Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1113]

**PEAK HOTEL.**  
OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 2,500 feet above sea-level, having been leased by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

**SPECIAL WINTER RATES.**  
FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 1893, TO MARCH 31ST, 1894.

One person, per day.....\$ 3.00  
One person, per week.....10.00  
One person, one month.....\$55.00  
Married couple (occupying one room) per day.....5.00

Married couple (occupying one room) per week.....35.00  
Married couple (occupying one room) per month.....95.00  
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